Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Bihar Appropriation (Vote on Account) No. 2 Bill, 2005, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 5th August, 2005.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill."

I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Comprehensive action plan for the inclusive education for children and youth with disabilities

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Arjun Singh, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the corrigendum to the statement on 'Comprehensive Action Plan for the inclusive Education for Children and Youth with Disabilities,' laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 2005.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2005.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The immigration (Carriers' Liability) Amendment Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Sir, I, on behalf of Shri Shivraj V. Patil, beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum (Amendment) Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum Act, 1980.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

DISCUSSION ON STATEMENT MADE BY MINISTER

New framework for the Us-India Defence Relationship

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Deputy Chairman, how much time do I have?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have 30 minutes.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I will try and see whatever I can do best in this time, Sir. The US-India relationship is considered to be an important relationship, so also the strategic partnership. Therefore, on this new framework agreement, that has been concluded by the Hon. Defence Minister on which he gave a statement recently, let me say it at the very outset, that we welcome the developments. I will share with you where we welcome it, where our concerns are. You know very well that the present Secretary General went in 2001-02 and many such agreements were concluded in the previous NDA Government. Those were the beginnings of this defence relationship, in real sense, going back actually to 1995. Now, there is, in that sense, continuity and this continuity is to be welcomed. There is this aspect of diversification of procurement of weapon systems, which is a welcome aspect. The question of technological advancement of military weaponry is somewhat a complex